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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSC Staff Briefings, 19 August 1980

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1. At your request, Mac and I attended the series of briefings requested by Mike Berda of the NSC Staff. Briefings were held on 19 August 1980 between 1300 and 1530 hours. Purpose of this MFR is to summarize some key points from each briefing.

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3. Ronnie Goldstein gave the DoD briefing on the Reconstitutable Enduring Intelligence System (REIS). Briefing lasted 90 minutes and was too long for the audience (John, Zeke + principal staff on each side of the house). Goldstein started by saying that REIS starts where the   i.e., providing "assured access to critical intelligence" after the outbreak of hostilities. He also argued that 10 years ago REIS would not have been possible. Since it is now technologically possible, the issue becomes a policy question and a \$ question. He also emphasized that REIS is not designed to be a separate program, but is, in fact, designed to be an integral part of the C<sup>3</sup>I force structure of the military. He also pointed out that DoD is also considering the possibility of developing a REIS-type communications system to be included in the C<sup>3</sup>I force structure.

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a. Ronnie also mentioned the following points:

- o Mission survivability is the first requirement of REIS
- o Stress is on minimum essential performance
- o Need for assured access to critical intelligence
- o The type of intelligence to be provided is rather gross when compared to the capabilities programmed for advanced satellite collection systems.
- o Role in Blue force reconstitution
- o Role in civil sector reconstitution
- o Direct relationship to PD/NSC-37

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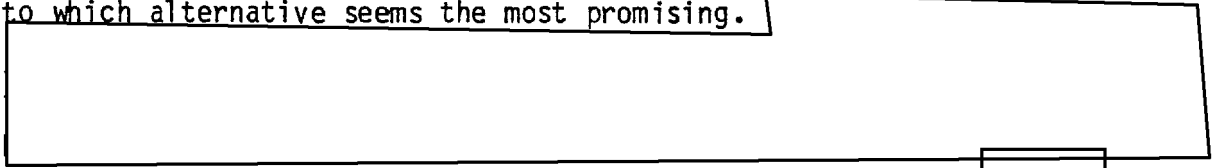
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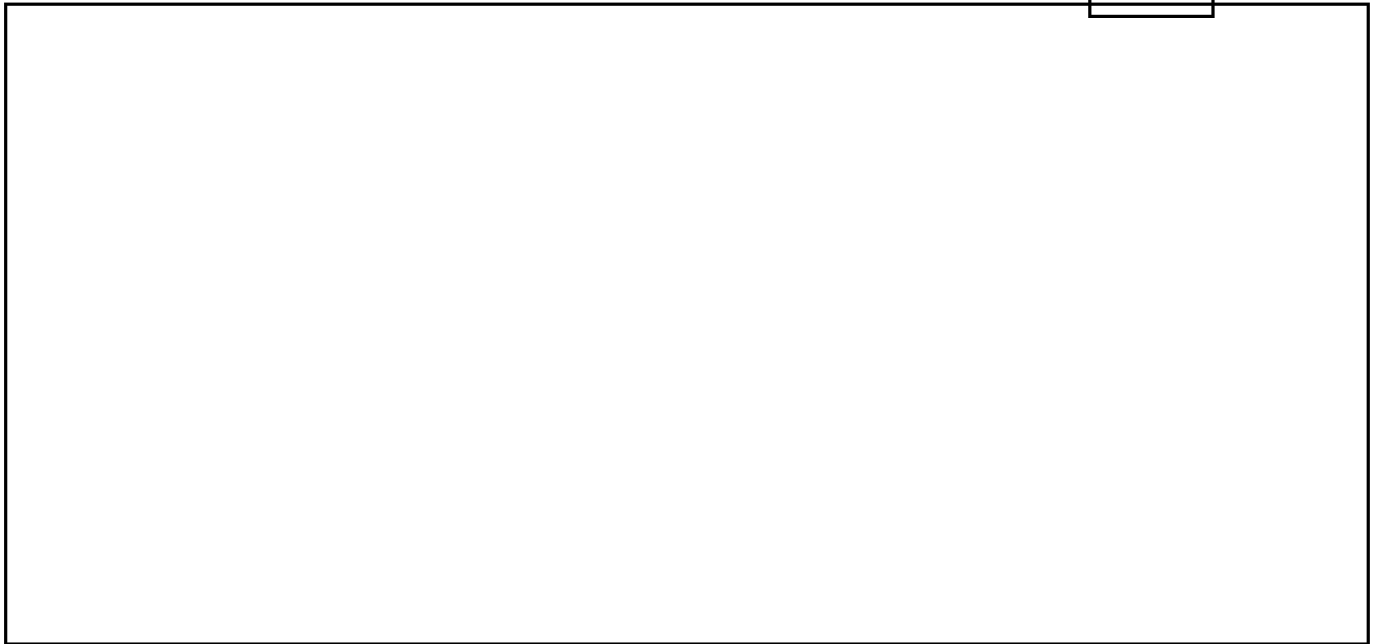
b. At the end of the briefing, Ronnie discussed a whole series of options for developing REIS as an operational system. The recommendation of the DoD Steering Group was to pursue at least two parallel tracks until the end of FY 81 when a decision will be made as to which alternative seems the most promising.

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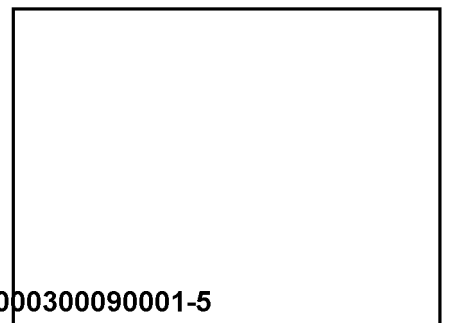


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